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Subject: Please review draft 2018-7-19 Hunters Point Update to RA
Attachments: 2018-7-12 SF Chronicle Bldg 606 EPA Response Final.docx

Dear Brianna,

Please give legal review to this draft update:

Mike and Debbie,

Below is an update about Hunters Point Parcel G Workplan, Parcel A scanning, and Building 606.

1. Parcel G Workplan: Angeles Herrera, Superfund Division Assistant Director, and her counterparts from the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) met July 17 with Lawrence Lansdale, Navy national Environmental Director for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) program to discuss the Navy's June 15, 2018, draft Parcel G Workplan for retesting Tetra Tech EC Inc. work. All three regulatory agencies collaboratively presented our priority concerns about discrepancies between the Navy draft and the March 2018 regulator written comments, which are public. The Navy agreed to make some of the changes requested. We are still in discussion about the most important EPA concern, the trigger for 100% excavation of trench units if contamination is found in the 33% of trench units of highest concern. This is the question that Cong. Pelosi's staff raised to the Navy in a call July 11. Comments are due from the regulators and the public August 14.
2. Parcel A Scanning: On July 16, CDPH began scanning at Parcel A. As of the morning of July 19, they found no elevated results. CDPH is staffing an information table onsite this week, giving online weekly updates starting July 23, and will attend a Home Owners Association evening meeting July 26. EPA staff will also attend. On the first day of testing, around forty people attended a protest onsite. They expressed concerns similar to those in last week's SF Curbed article. CBS, NBC, and the San Francisco Examiner have published shorter pieces this week on this topic. Scanning is expected to continue for several more weeks.
3. Police Department Building 606 – The San Francisco Chronicle ("Chronicle") will likely publish an article and podcast in the next few days about the Hunters Point Building 606, which the San Francisco Police department has leased since 1997. Reporters asked lengthy and detailed questions challenging the testing and cleanup done before EPA approved the lease in 2004 and challenging a 2016 EPA fact sheet that stated, "The Navy scanned soil from beneath Building 606 and found no elevated radiation levels." EPA reviewed the relevant documents related to the area on which Building 606 was constructed and verified that the final systematic sample analytical results showed no elevated radiation levels. However, the Chronicle is correct that one out of 700 earlier samples did demonstrate slightly elevated concentrations, and thus all of the surrounding soil was removed until the final results showed no elevated radiation levels. We will adjust the fact sheet accordingly. Regardless of questionable Tetra

Tech EC Inc. practices, EPA believes the workers in Building 606 are protected from potential radiological and volatile organic compound contamination. An 8 - 12" concrete slab provides protective shielding from potential radiation. Attached are the responses EPA gave the Chronicle.

Please let us know anything else you may need.

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